

NOT A BID CAME

Apparently Banks Do Not Want the City Money

At an Advance in the Rate of Interest.

RUMORS OF A PENDING DEAL

Nationals Are Said To Be Planning Financial Coup

By Which They Will Gobble the Whole Amount.

"I would like to announce, before we adjourn, that I have not received a single bid from any bank in Topeka for the use of the city money and this was the last day, according to the advertisement inserted in the papers, that the banks have to make a bid for the money," said W. H. Wason, commissioner of finance, this morning at the meeting of the city commissioners in the city hall.

"Well, what action do you desire to take," asked Mayor House.

"None just now," said the commissioner as he sat down.

After the meeting he said: "I never received a single bid but I have had some encouragement given me during my talks I have had with some of them in my endeavor to get more interest for the use of the city's money."

"Do you care to state your plans for the future?" he was asked.

"Not yet, but I will say that important developments may be looked for before long."

"Along what line?"

"I would not care to state," he replied.

"Is it not a fact that some sort of a deal is on for the national banks to outbid the state banks in this affair and thereby obtain all of the funds of the city in their hands and freeze out the state banks?" he was asked.

"I have nothing to say."

"Will you deny that such is the case?"

"I have said all I care to—now," he replied, and the door to his private office closed.

A well defined rumor around the city hall from sources that are reliable, is that the national banks are attempting to put one over on the state banks and will attempt to corner all of the city's money before the state banks awaken to the fact that a long contract has been made at an advanced rate of interest.

At any event, important developments are expected soon along the line of the city's finances, it is asserted.

IMMUNITY FOR MATKINS

Now Hold Only President of Defunct Chicago Bank for Trial.

Kansas City, Mo., April 27.—A recommendation of immunity for Thomas L. Matkins of Chicago, indicted with nine other men on charges growing out of the operations of the American Union Trust company, was entered in federal court here last night at the order of Judge Wilbur P. Booth of Minneapolis.

The recommendation is said to be on a promise to Matkins by government officials on condition that he become a witness against the other defendants. Three of the defendants were acquitted and the indictments against five were dismissed. Only the case of Henry W. Richardson, president of the bank operated by the company when it was ordered closed in December, 1914, is pending in the federal court.

MRS. ALBRECHT DIES

Body Will Be Brought to Her Old Home for Interment.

Mrs. Gustave Albrecht, formerly of Topeka, died April 26 at her home in Cincinnati after a short illness. Mrs. Albrecht was formerly Miss Grace Knight, fourth daughter of Capt. J. Lee Knight and Margaret A. Knight, who were well known among the early residents of Topeka. She was 42 years of age, was born and educated in Topeka and after working with her father in the United States land office for several years, came to Chicago, New York and Vienna, where she graduated from the Royal conservatory.

The body is expected to arrive in Topeka Friday evening. The funeral will be held at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the First Presbyterian church. Interment will be in Topeka cemetery.

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Gum Racks to Stick Wads on While in School

Madison, Wis., April 27.—The state educational bulletin issued today commends favorably a suggestion of President J. W. Crabtree of the River Falls normal school that there should be gum racks in schools.

"Pupils have a right to chew gum," said President Crabtree. "Teachers do it, but they know when, and how. Why not teach these conventionalities to the pupils? Permit the pupils to chew gum on the playground and on the way to and from school. But what will the poor child do with his gum while in the recitation or assembly room?"

"A gum rack at the entrance of the room containing a number of sticks for each pupil solves the problem."

GRAFTING BONES

The Most Recent Achievement in Modern Surgery

Will Be Illustrated When Kansas Medics Meet Here.

Bone grafting, one of the most recent and wonderful achievements of modern surgery will be explained in detail and illustrated by pictures by Dr. Fred H. Albee of New York city, on Thursday, May 4, during the annual convention of the Kansas Medical society in Topeka, May 3, 4 and 5. Another extraordinary feature of the program on the same day will be a lantern slide review of cystoscopic methods in the diagnosis and treatment of ureteral stone and stricture by Dr. Bradford Lewis of St. Louis.

These lectures will be given in the afternoon and evening and an open meeting will be held at the auditorium at Memorial hall. A well known speaker will talk on public health topics. All other meetings will be held at the Elks club.

To Open Wednesday.

The convention will open at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at an address on the "History of the Kansas Medical Society" by Dr. O. D. Walker, of Salina, president of the society. During the day the following will be read by Dr. H. W. Young, Fredonia; Dr. J. D. Riddell, Salina; Dr. H. B. Caffey, Hays; Dr. H. L. Snyder, Winfield; Dr. L. D. Johnson, Chanute; Dr. C. C. Menninger, Topeka; Dr. P. H. Owens, Great Bend; Dr. R. S. Hays, Newton; Dr. J. D. Wilson, Emporia; Dr. R. C. Lowman, Kansas City; Dr. C. W. Lawrence, Emporia; Dr. E. S. Edgerly, Wichita; Dr. S. P. Loomis, Lost Springs; Dr. J. T. Astell, Newton; Dr. W. E. Wehe, Topeka; Dr. W. S. Sutton, Kansas City; Dr. L. L. Uhls, Overland Park; Dr. George S. Mosher, Kansas City.

In the evening a meeting of delegates will be held followed by a report of officers.

To Elect Officers.

On Thursday the eastern specialists will read papers.

On Friday morning another meeting of delegates will be held and officers will be elected. Papers will be read by Dr. G. C. McHaffey of Ottawa; Dr. P. S. Mitchell, Iola; Dr. M. T. Snyder, Chanute; Dr. F. J. Bouge, Waverly; Dr. J. H. Johnson, Coffeyville; Dr. H. L. Charles, Atchison; Dr. T. A. Jones, Liberal; Dr. R. C. Dugan, Emporia; Dr. S. C. Satchell, Iola; Dr. Philip H. Newcomb, Olathe; Dr. R. F. Fraxer, Olathe; Dr. L. S. Maceo, Topeka; Dr. F. W. White, Emporia.

The committee on arrangements is comprised of Dr. W. E. McVey, chairman; Dr. J. E. Jeffrey, Dr. E. G. Brown, Dr. L. V. Sams.

KAISER ASKS DETAILS

Communicates With U. S. Through Ambassador on U-Boat Controversy.

Berlin, April 27.—A momentous conference with the continuance of friendly relations between the United States and Germany in the balance, was in progress today at grand army headquarters.

The Kaiser received the views of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, general army staff, and Admiral von Holtzendorf, chief of the admiralty staff. He lacked only four words from Washington, expected through Ambassador Gerard before many hours, defining more accurately the American submarine policy.

Not Concede, But No Break.

It is the general understanding here that Germany will not meet fully President Wilson's demands that the reply to be forwarded to Washington early next week. How far Germany will go no one pretends to know, but well informed Berlin newspapers believe the German concessions will suffice to prevent a diplomatic break.

STATE CHAIRMAN QUILTS

Chosen National Committeeman G. O. P. Leader Quits State Job.

St. Louis, April 27.—The resignation of Jacob Babler of St. Louis as chairman of the Republican state committee was accepted by the committee at a special session today and E. W. Huckle was elected to succeed him. Babler resigned because of his recent election as Republican national committeeman from Missouri.

HARVESTER MEN STRIKE

Fourteen Hundred Reported Out at Big Chicago Plant Today.

Chicago, April 27.—Fourteen hundred employees of the International Harvester company plant were reported to be on strike today and a detail of police was sent to the plant to prevent disorder.

Several men on the night shift at the twine factory were sent home last night because they showed evidence of intoxication. The remainder of the night shift decided to strike and met the day employees they came to work and induced them to stay out also.

ACQUIT A MOTHER

Insane When She Poisoned Children, Jury Agrees.

State to Drop White Slave Case Against Husband.

ROGERS SCORED BY ATTORNEY

Credits Him With Fixing Up Records of His Crime.

Illicit Relations With Rogers Ruled Out by Court.

New York, April 27.—Mrs. Ida Sniffen Rogers is free, following the decision of the jury, which refused to believe that she, a notoriously loving mother, could have been in her right mind when she poisoned her two children.

"Not guilty on the grounds of insanity," was the verdict announced in the Bronx supreme court late yesterday, after two hours' deliberation.

Mrs. Rogers uttered a choking sound. Her lips quivered. She swayed and would have fallen if her husband had not caught her in his arms. And they sobbed together for some moments, careless of inquisitive looks, lost in the immense relief of that moment.

The ordeal of the preceding hours had been a fierce one. District Attorney Martin had been unsparring in the eloquence of his attack on the woman at the bar as a cold blooded murderer and described her crime as one of the worst he had ever encountered.

Rogers' Former Wives There.

The court room was crowded with women, many of them hardly more than girls. In a far corner sat Mrs. Anna Rogerson, Rogers' first wife of Lucius Elton Rogers, whose complicated matrimonial adventures had landed him and one woman in a federal prison and the other in a life term.

Much beloved by women, Rogers listened with composure to the impassioned denunciation of the mouth of a man.

"Gentlemen of the jury, I think this man is the worst I ever heard of in my life," the prosecutor exclaimed. "He has left a trail of broken families behind him. The kind of life those two were living inevitably leads in the direction of murder."

Lewis Stuyvesant Chandler, chief of counsel for the defense, held up his hand as he made a model of motherhood, incapable of harming her little ones if she had been in a normal state of mind. In a passionate outburst he had said:

"Motherhood is at the bar. Humanity is on trial here."

"Yes, humanity is on trial here," District Attorney Martin retorted, when his turn came. "But your sympathies should not be for this woman, but for the two helpless children who were murdered. They were not physically able to put aside the drafts of poison that were handed to them. They were murdered with their hands and unable to protect themselves."

"She was living with this man as his mistress. He was married and living on Riverside drive. He had been divorced from his first husband. Her little son John, whom the indictment charges her with murdering, was conceived when she was the wife of Walters, although she claimed Rogers was the father. He had been living like a lot of wild beasts. Look at the desperate plight she was in, if Rogers should leave her with her children, they would be in the hands of the law."

"It's a Framed Up Case?"

"You can see the hand of Rogers all through this case. He is skilled not only in immorality but in fixing up the records of his crime. If this isn't a framed up case, I would like to see one. The records show this woman did not take any of the poison. If she had taken 22 grains of bichloride of mercury, she would not be alive here today."

Justice Tompkins, in his charge to the jury, was particular in warning them to have no prejudice in their minds against Mrs. Rogers because of her irregular relations with Rogers.

Before leaving the court room, Rogers said that he would immediately like legal steps to have the "white slave" indictment that was returned against him either brought to trial or dismissed.

"I am neither a skunk nor a reprobat," he said. "I admit that I have done wrong in the past, but I am sorry of my mistakes and anxious to repair them."

He faces White Slave Charge.

His manner toward his wife was tender and protecting, and he answered that he intended to do his best to atone to her for all the suffering that she had endured. He promised to resume the practice of law as soon as possible.

The white slave indictment against him was returned by the same grand jury that indicted Mrs. Ida Walters, as she was then, for the poisoning of her 10-year-old boy and her baby girl. Inasmuch as the bond between the two was one of love, voluntary on both sides, with no taint of the condition allowed at by "white slave" legislation, District Attorney Martin allowed it to be understood today that the indictment would be dropped.

Optimistic at Berlin.

Berlin, April 27.—(By wireless to the Associated Press.)—The Associated Press learns that developments are impending which demonstrate unmistakably the desire of Emperor William to follow a course which will lead Germany and the United States out of the present crisis. The situation is viewed more optimistically here.

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Big Estate To Be Converted Into Bird Sanctuary

Greenwich, Conn., April 27.—Commodore E. C. Benedict, millionaire banker, is planning to convert his estate of 100 acres here into a model bird sanctuary.

The Greenwich Bird Protective society, which has a membership of 200 prominent and wealthy residents of the community, including E. C. Converse, William G. Thompson, Mrs. A. A. Anderson and Ernest Thompson Seton, has agreed to furnish the ways and the commodore promises to supply the means.

OWNERS TO WAIT

England Will Hold Contraband Ships Until War Ends.

Owners to Get Full Damages if Win in Prize Court.

London, April 27.—The contents of the British note in reply to the protest of the American government against interference with neutral trade, which asserts the right of Great Britain to regulate the admission to a neutral country of goods evidently designed for a belligerent country, caused little surprise in legal circles here, as its conclusions had been discounted by recent decision of the prize tribunals.

A summary of the views of the members of these circles may be expressed as follows:

"They do not believe the controversy will be carried much farther during the progress of the war as no vital concessions have been made by either side since the first note was written."

"Therefore, the shippers of detained cargoes who can afford the delay will await the conclusion of the war to have their cases settled by an international tribunal in the belief that such a court will grant them full damages."

"It is expected that the United States government soon will send two notes to Great Britain, one on the detention of the mails and the other on the removal of Austrians and Germans from the steamship China."

"The British government has consented to the purchase of the Wagner steamships by an American company during the time the buyers lease the vessels on a time charter to an English company."

"A final effort will be made to settle the Wilhelm case without submitting the question to Baron Mersey. The foreign office is expected to submit to Ambassador Page today its terms in this case."

NOTED HORSES AUCTION

War Makes Use of English Hunters Impossible.

New York, April 27.—Because the war has made it impossible for him and Lady Beck to keep up their annual hunts that have made them world-famous in sportsman society, Sir Adam Beck of London, Ontario, today is selling all his prize winning hunters at auction here.

The sale will include eleven hunters, several of whom were winners at the last international horse show in England, in the list of the Hampton, Zanetta, Sir Edward, Hyde, Monarch, Shelia, Loughborough, Harkaway, Santos, Sovereign and Milton, all well known performers in the field as well as in the show ring.

Lady Beck, the wife of Sir Adam Beck, will be remembered as one of the judges of saddle horses at the last National Horse Show in New York.

The Becks have been accustomed to hunting in England each winter, but the war has interfered with their arrangements. Not since the sale of the hunting stable of Sir Clifford Sifton of Ottawa, Ontario, about a year ago, have so many noted hunting horses been offered at public auction.

HE HAD ONE TOO MANY

Engineer Therefore Is Fined; Now 250 Threaten to Strike on Railroad.

Muskogee, Ok., April 27.—A breach between 250 employees of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad and the federal court which is operating the line under a receivership, may result tonight as a result of the receivers' strict adherence to the safety first policy.

The men threaten to walk out unless an engineer discharged for alleged intoxication, is reinstated. The receivers, Alexander New and Henry Ferris, who operate the road under orders of Federal Judge W. C. Hook, assert the company would have no chance with an employee who drinks.

MAY GET TURKEY POST

Abram I. Elkus Mentioned as Ambassador Morgenthau's Successor.

Washington, April 27.—Formal announcement was made at the White House today that Henry Morgenthau, American ambassador to Turkey, had resigned and that his resignation had been accepted. Abram I. Elkus, a New York lawyer, probably will succeed him. Mr. Morgenthau will do organization work for the Democrat party in the presidential campaign.

ENRIGHT REAL WIZARD

Man Who Discovers Gasoline Substitute Makes Fertilizer From Air.

New York, April 27.—Louis Enright, a chemist, has announced that he claims to be able to run an automobile with a fluid at a cost of 14 cents a gallon, declares he can extract nitrogen from the air. He can do it, he says, at trifling expense and without electrolysis.

The nitrogen thus obtained, he asserts, will make a fertilizer which will turn arid wastes into garden spots and will make supplies of ammunition on an unheard of scale.

MOVE FOR PEACE

Employees Organize Clearing House for Labor Troubles.

Pittsburg Association Issues Statement of Purposes.

SEEK FREEDOM OF CONTRACT

Oppose Sympathetic Strikes and Restriction of Output.

100 Industrial Concerns Represented at Initial Session.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 27.—It became known today that steps were taken last night through the organization of the Employees Association of Pittsburg to try to make the district an open labor market and to handle all questions as they affect labor.

More than 100 manufacturing and other concerns, including some of the largest in western Pennsylvania are represented at the meeting which was held behind closed doors.

An official statement declared the objects of the association are: "To secure the freedom of contract in the matter of employment."

"To oppose restriction of output, sympathetic strikes and boycotts."

"To discontinue conditions which are not just and which will not allow a workman to earn a wage proportionate to his productive capacity."

"To prevent interference with those seeking employment."

"To avert industrial disturbances."

"To harmonize differences between employers and employees and to uphold the law."

The organization it was stated was a reply to the announcement yesterday that the American Federation of Labor would be ordered here to reinforce the organizers who have been active in the Turtle Creek Valley strike.

CLOSE OF NIGHT SCHOOL

All Pupils Will Contribute to Program Friday Night.

All of the seventy-two pupils of Topeka's night school will contribute in some way to the closing program Friday night.

The majority of the students have been learning the rudiments of American civil government, history, geography, writing, arithmetic and music. The last is the popular study of the course and the closing program will be entirely musical. Several Topeka musicians have given their services for the program and according to Mrs. M. A. Left, the leading worker, the audience will perform their part of the program in the chorus numbers.

The night school was founded over a year ago by Mrs. M. A. Left. She has since been assisted by many young people from Winburn and many town musicians. Five languages are used in introducing the working people to American language and customs. Following is the program:

Song—"There is Music in the Air".... Pupils and audience
Violin solo—"The Dying Poet"....Gottschalk
All Regling
Piano duet—1. Two Folk Songs..... Veinmichel
2. Wiegand..... Veinmichel
Mrs. Wm. Reigis, Miss J. McKee
Piano duet—The Russian National Anthem..... Alex. Litvoff
Miss Sedonia Regling, Miss Frances Gaw
Piano duet—1. Two Folk Songs..... Veinmichel
2. Der Kleine Postillon..... Veinmichel
Waltz-Medley—Al. Regling, mandolin; Miss S. Regling, ballalanka; K. Regling, guitar; Paul Regling, dombr. A. Matz, guitar.
Vocal solo—"Mother McCree"....Ernest Ball
Mrs. J. K. Rankin, H. N. Rankin
Piano solo—Prelude in flat No. 14.....Chopin
Miss Helen Reinbach
Vocal duet—"The Passage Birds Farewell"....Heldach
K. Rankin, H. N. Rankin
Piano solo—Selected.....Miss Josephine McKee
Vocal solo—"Somewhere a Voice Is Calling"....Tate
S. Davidson
Song—"Ach wie ist's moeglich dann"....Pupils and audience
Vocal solo—"Thou Art My All"....Leland McAfee
Violin solo—1. Souvenir.....Drda
2. Valse.....Sibellus
Miss Gladys Gaw
Vocal duet—"Awake, Dearest One"....E. Ball
H. N. Rankin, Leland McAfee
Piano solo—"Fanzies"....Paderewski
Miss Lydia Emery
Song by audience—"Long, Long Ago"

WANTS QUIET DEATH

Citizen Asks for "Dog Killer" With a Little Gun.

"Can you send a man out here with a little gun at night and make much noise," a voice over the telephone asked the health office this morning. "What do you want with it," was asked.

"Why last year a big policeman with a great big gun came out here to kill a dog and when he shot it I never heard such a noise and I thought you might have a smaller gun that would not make so much noise for we have a dog that must be killed."

The small voice was assured that the dog would receive proper attention but no promise was made as to the caliber of the gun that would be used or that it would have a "silencer" attached.

3-CORNERED TROUBLES

Stone Confers With Wilson on German-Mex-Jap Crises.

Washington, April 27.—Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee was prepared today to lay before the committee the results of his conference with President Wilson last night regarding international problems confronting the nation.

The submarine controversy formed the principal topic of discussion although the Mexican situation and Japan's protest against features of the immigration bill were taken up. After the conference Senator Stone declined to go into details although it was learned that eventualities that might result from Germany's answer to America's latest demands in the submarine issue were fully discussed. While the president made no attempt to minimize the gravity of the situation he still is hopeful that diplomatic relations between the two countries may not be broken off.

The Japanese protest was up for consideration at a meeting today of the senate immigration committee.

DAVID J. AUGUST

To the first 50 men patronizing our Men's Suit Sale Tomorrow, wherein we sell \$20.00 Suits for \$10.00. We will give absolutely Free a \$3.00 NO NAME HAT. Doors open on this sale promptly at 7:30 A. M. Positively no more than 50 Hats given away.

Ladies' Wash Suits of the latest style 3-piece Indian Suits, long pants, feathered caps. Choice 45c

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